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SUBJECT: FY 1975 FMS ALLOCATIONS

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- 1. DEFENSE MESSAGE 090304Z MAY 75 INFORMED MILGPS/MAAGS OF TENTATIVE FY 1975 FMS CREDIT ALLOCATIONS. EMBASSY MAY NOW PROCEED ON BASIS OF DOLS 4.0 MILLION FMS LEVEL FOR BOLIVIA AND INFORM GOB THAT USG CURRENTLY PROCESSING FMS CREDIT JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS AMOUNT. FYI. ASSUMING INTERAGENCY APPROVAL OF THIS CREDIT, WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL BE FORTH-COMING WELL BEFORE JUNE 30, 1975, DOD WILL PROCEED WITH SIGNATURE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT IN WASHINGTON BEFORE THAT DATE. END FYI.
- 2. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES FACT THAT DOLS 20.5 MILLION CONFIDENTIAL

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CREDIT LEVEL FOR PERU MAY GIVE RISE TO SOME CONCERN ON PART

OF GOB. FOLLOWING ARE POINTS WHICH CAN BE USED WITH GOB OFFICIALS. OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN A GIVEN COUNTRY INCLUDE VARIOUS COMPONENT PARTS. BOLIVIA HAS TRADITIONALLY HAD, AND CONTINUES TO HAVE, A MAP GRANT MATERIEL PROGRAM IN ADDITION TO FMS CREDITS, WHILEPERU RECEIVES NO MAP GRANT FOR MATERIEL. WHILE THE BOLIVIA MAP GRANT PROGRAM IS NOT LARGE IN ABSOLUTE TERMS, IT REPRESENTS 50 PERCENT

OF THE LATIN AMERICA MAP PROGRAM. AS THE MAP GRANT PROGRAM IN BOLIVIA IS PHASED OUT, WE EXPECT TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF FMS CREDITS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIVE TO BOLIVIAN ARMED FORCES NEEDS. ADDITIONALLY, ONE CANNOT IGNORE THE FACT THAT COUNTRIES WITH LARGER MILITARY ESTABLISHMENTS, AND THE ECONOMIC BASE TO SUPPORT THEM, WOULD NORMALLY EXPECT A COMMENSURATE PROPORTION OF FMS CREDITS, I.E. ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND CHILE, AMONG OTHERS. AS A POLICY MATTER, HOWEVER, USG DISCOURAGES PURCHASES OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS WHICH WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE OFFEN-SIVE CAPABILITIES. FYI. FOR THIS REASON, WE ARE HOLDING PERUVIAN REOUESTS FOR 280 ADDITIONAL APCS AND FOUR MISSILE SYSTEMS "UNDER REVIEW". THUS, BESIDES THE PURCHASE OF A-37B AIRCRAFT (WHICH WERE OFFERED TO BOLIVIA), THE BULK OF PERU'S FMS CREDITS WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE NON-COMBAT VEHICLES, A WATER BARGE, AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT. END FYI. KISSINGER

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